

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of

Request for Review of the

Decision of the

Universal Service Administrator by

Berks County Intermediate Unit, Alsace School
Reading, Pennsylvania

Federal-State Joint Board on
Universal Service

Changes to the Board of Directors of the
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.

File No. SLD-226686

CC Docket No. 96-45✓

CC Docket No. 97-21

ORDER

Adopted: January 14, 2003**Released: January 15, 2003**

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. The Telecommunications Access Policy Division has under consideration a Request for Review filed by Berks County Intermediate Unit, Alsace School, Reading, Pennsylvania (Berks County).¹ Berks County requests review of a decision by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).² For the reasons set forth below, we deny the Request for Review.

2. In its decision, SLD denied Berks County's application because the Form 471 certification page did not include a signature.³ Berks County argues that SLD should be reversed because the evidence does not support SLD's finding that the application was not signed.⁴

3. We find, however, that the record supports SLD's conclusion. In fact, Berks County acknowledges in a letter to SLD that the signature was missing on the Form 471.⁵ Thus,

¹ Letter from Robert Lipton, Berks County Intermediate Unit, Alsace School, to Federal Communications Commission, filed March 25, 2002 (Request for Review).

² Id.

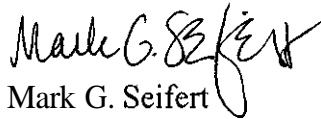
³ Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Robert Lipton, Alsace School, dated January 19, 2002.

⁴ Request for Review.

consistent with our precedent in the *South Barber Order*, we conclude that SLD's decision is supported by precedent and the underlying record.⁶ We therefore affirm SLD and deny the Request for Review.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a), that the Request for Review filed by Berks County Intermediate Unit, Alsace School on March 25, 2002 IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁵ Letter from Robert Lipton, Berks County Intermediate Unit, Alsace School, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed February 8, 2001 ("The signature was missing."). See *also* FCC Form 471, Alsace School, filed January 8, 2001.

⁶ See *Request for Review by South Barber Unified School District, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, File No. SLD- 158897, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, 16 FCC Rcd 18435 (Conn. Car. Bur. 2001) (*South Barber Order*).